



***** JOB ANNOUNCEMENT*****

April-May 2004

Fishery Biologist/Restoration Ecologist
National Marine Fisheries Service
Restoration Center
Silver Spring, MD

Background: The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Restoration Center (RC) is recruiting for a fishery biologist/restoration ecologist with a strong background in watershed restoration, habitat conservation and/or environmental science. The location of the position is at the National Marine Fisheries Service Headquarters in Silver Spring, MD. The mission of the RC is to plan and implement research and restoration of coastal and marine natural resources. The position is offered through the Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education (ORISE) post-graduate program. **This is not a Federal Government position.** The successful candidate will work under an ORISE contract for a period of one year and may be renewed for up to three additional years, subject to performance and availability of funding. The salary range is from \$35,000 to \$51,000 per annum, depending upon qualifications. Moving expenses and benefits are not covered by ORISE contracts.

In accomplishing its mission, the RC implements several major programs, among those are the Community-based Restoration Program (CRP) and the Restoration Research Program; the incumbent will be involved with these two efforts. The CRP strives to inspire local efforts to conduct meaningful, on-the-ground restoration of marine, estuarine and riparian habitat. Through the CRP, NOAA partners with national and regional organizations to identify, select and co-fund locally driven, grassroots habitat restoration projects in 27 states with coastal and/or anadromous fish resources. The program provides financial and technical support to community organizations, public and not-for-profit groups, government, business interests, educational institutions, youth conservation corps and others to galvanize fisheries habitat restoration. The Restoration Research Program advances the science of restoration ecology in coastal and marine habitats. NOAA Science Centers and Restoration Center staff, working in partnership with the scientific community, provide expertise in developing sound, efficient and cost-effective restoration and monitoring methods, as well as furthering the understanding of ecosystem functions.

Description of Position: The incumbent will assist in coordinating a wide range of programmatic operations, including grant administration and oversight, development of partnerships and monitoring of restoration or research progress, and development of internal operations policy. Responsibilities will be to generate, organize, and evaluate habitat restoration and research projects proposed from coastal communities, academic communities, and NOAA Science Centers; assist in the refinement of restoration and research priorities used in the selection process; manage various aspects of partnerships and projects including project application processing, technical guidance, maintenance of project files, database, and webpage materials; assist in the development of legislation and responses to congressional inquiries; assist in the development and implementation of minimum monitoring and

evaluation requirements across multiple NOAA restoration programs; assist with public dissemination of research results, including manuscript development, on-line resources, and literature research.

Requirements: Eligible applicants must be U.S. citizens and currently enrolled in or have completed (within the past three years) a graduate program at an accredited university. The applicant's degree should be focused in marine ecology, fishery biology, and/or restoration ecology or similar field. Candidates should be familiar with and have experience in scientific methodology; possess a knowledge of coastal habitats, resources and monitoring methods for specific habitat types or resources; and have strong oral and written communication skills, including the ability to communicate clearly with non-scientists. Additional desirable qualities include experience with habitat restoration and experience working on interdisciplinary teams. Applicants are encouraged to describe how their knowledge and skills fulfill the requirements of the position. Willingness to travel is a must.

Application materials are due by May 21 , 2004. Please enclose a *Curriculum Vitae*, graduate and undergraduate college transcripts, and a brief writing sample mail to: Robin Bruckner, NOAA Restoration Center F/HC-3, Room 1315, East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD, 20910. NOAA is an equal opportunity employer.

For further information about this position, please contact Robin Bruckner at (301) 713-0174, Ext. 208, or email at Robin.Bruckner@noaa.gov. Additional information about the NOAA Restoration Center is available on our web site at <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/habitat/restoration/>. Information regarding the ORISE program can be found on the ORISE home page at <http://www.ornl.gov/orise.htm>.